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SUBJECT: GOT REQUESTS INFORMATION ON GUANTANAMO DETAINEES

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Classified by A/DCM John Kunstadter; reasons 1.5 b and d.

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request.

[1](#)2. (C) In a March 22 meeting with Ambassador, Interior Minister Aksu requested information on six Turkish citizens he said are being held at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. Aksu provided names, DOBs and POBs for the detainees, as follows:

-- Murat Kurnaz; 3/19/82; Bremen, Germany (Embassy and Consulate Istanbul initially requested information on Kurnaz reftels).

-- Salih Uyar; 4/14/81; Kocaeli, Turkey.

-- Yuksel Celikgogus; 9/10/67; Karasu (Sakarya Province), Turkey.

-- Ibrahim Sen; 10/1/80; Van, Turkey.

-- Nuri Mert; 9/27/71; Dogubayazit (Agri Province), Turkey.

-- Mesut Sen; 2/20/80; Brussels, Belgium.

[1](#)3. (C) Embassy requests guidance on how to respond to the inquiry, including any available information on the health and legal status of the detainees.

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